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## W. R. AND E. TO BEG FOR AD FROM PUBLIC

Officials Say Road Must Have  
More Funds or Go on the  
Rocks.

By BILL PRICE.  
To recap finances squandered for years in big dividends, high salaries and the unfortunate strike of 1917, the Washington Railway and Electric Company will tomorrow enter upon what now looks to be a losing fight before the Public Utilities Commission for permission to obtain from the public, in some form not specified, sufficient revenues to close the gap that is leading to possible disaster.

The representations to be made by the company will be flat-footed in declaring that more money is imperative unless both physical and financial conditions are to grow to a point closely bordering on wreckage. The company is not suggesting any method of relief. It proposes to lay before the commission its condition and put the responsibility up to that body to find a way out, assuming that the commission will not wish to have the credit of what may follow if relief is not granted. The representatives of a large number of citizens' associations will be present to protest against any increase in fares.

No Chance To Raise Fares.  
Officials of the W. R. and E. know full well that there is no chance that an increase will be ordered in the present flat-rate of 5 cents.

What they do hope for, though, is that the commission may turn to a some system of charges by which the company will be allowed to assess the suburban resident 2 or 3 cents more than he now pays for his ride, counting the flat fare of 5 cents to the public living in certain bounds within the city proper. If the commission is not impressed with that, then a charge for intercompany and even company transfers will be suggested.

Counsel for the company will declare that there is now no way of reducing expenses to meet the large deficit that is piling up.

There is strong doubt whether the petition of the company will bring it any relief. The present organization stands seriously handicapped by the records and facts of the past. Every official of the utilities commission and every well-informed citizen knows that but for bad management in the past, coupled with utter disregard of public opinion, the company would not today be in its predicament, and would, like the Capital tramway, be a thing of the past.

The problem the commission must face is whether it can afford to punish the historical delinquencies, if in doing so there will result a running down of service on the lines of the company to a point that will invite disaster to the public.

Should Improve Road.  
On the other hand, the company will not escape being reminded that if less attention is paid by it to continuing dividends on common stock and more to development and improvement of its properties there would be more sympathy for its pleas for financial help.

There will be frequent reference to "water" in the stocks of the company during the hearing, as the public, which will be present in large numbers, is deeply prejudiced against the company. The prejudice is based almost wholly on the company's record and on the belief that it is by no means in the predicament financially that it claims if it will cease the idea of dividends must accompany "water."

Unless the company makes a stronger showing than is now expected, it will run across an official atmosphere during the hearings that will be a warning that it must change dividend and other policies if it wishes help.

Reports reaching various Government departments and agencies are that street railways in many parts of the country are on the brink of collapse, and that if the Government does not go to their assistance in some manner there will be a serious disintegration of railway properties that will stand in the way of public progress and service for years.

President Wilson, the War Labor Board, and former Secretary McAdoo recognized this situation months ago and appealed to the public and authorities generally to lay aside prejudices and take helpful action.

Plan Federal Relief.  
Roger W. Babson, of the Department of Labor, and Eugene Meyer, Jr., of the War Finance Corporation of the Treasury, are today greatly concerned over the street railway outlook and are trying to devise measures of Federal relief.

Beyond appeals for more liberal treatment there seems little else they or anybody else can do. Nothing short of revolutionary methods will save many of the roads.

It is officially stated that about one-tenth of the street railway mileage of the United States is today in the hands of receivers, with another 19 to 20 per cent hanging on the edge.

Although the W. R. & E. people will lay before the Utilities Commission rather alarming prospects financially there are well-informed authorities connected with the Public Utilities Commission who believe that if stock dividends are eliminated, or reduced, the company will be in position to meet its bonded obligations and keep up improvements.

## Don't Need to Know Spelling If You're A Funny Page Artist



## IT'S NOT 'CUSSING' TO SAY 'GO TO HELL'

If a man damns you, or tells you to go to hell he is not to be considered using cuss words, according to Judge Hardison, of Police Court.

"Damn and hell are not cuss words," said Judge Hardison today. Yesterday Judge Hardison dismissed a case of disorderly conduct against Ella Moore, who was arrested by Park Policeman S. E. Whitlock, because the officer refused to repeat vulgar language the woman is said to have used.

In dismissing the case Judge Hardison told Policeman Whitlock that he ought to be discharged from the force. To this parting shot Whitlock simply smiled in leaving the witness stand.

"Of course, policemen should repeat the language as far as they can recall of persons they arrest—even though it be vulgar," said Judge Hardison.

## SUSPEND TEACHER AS UNPATRIOTIC

Miss Alice Wood, English teacher at Western High School, has been suspended by the Board of Education for one week without pay as the result of charges made against her by the parents of students in her class.

It was charged that Miss Wood made unpatriotic utterances in her classroom and is said to have compared conditions in the United States unfavorably with those in Europe.

The charges against Miss Wood were investigated by a committee of the school board, of which H. E. Learned is chairman, and it is said that Miss Wood spoke of the principles of the Soviet government in comparison to our government.

Miss Wood, who lives at 1819 G street northwest, was not at home today.

## RENEW SEARCH FOR LOUISE MIDDLETON

Renewed effort to find pretty sixteen-year-old Louise Middleton, of 1149 V street southeast, who disappeared January 15, being made by the police today.

The girl left home to go to work at one of the Government bureaus, where she was employed. She failed to report for duty and did not return home.

According to the girl's mother, Mrs. Louise Middleton, she had often expressed her desire to go on the stage.

## Such Trifles Are Attended To By Pretty Marie.

By FAY KING.  
It has been worrying me figurin' out every night when I read the funny page of The Times how it happens that this bunch of pen pushers in the art department manage to write ream after ream of conversation without a misspelled word, because there wasn't any such thing as a good cartoonist who was a good spell-er.

I waited my chance, and yesterday I hid me into the Comic Art Department. I was a little late because the gang had blown for lunch.

I sat over at Williams' desk and revealed in the beautiful lines he had left and took a squint at Tom Powers' idea of a tight skirt, and then I buzzed over to have a peep at Bernad's "Then the Fun Began," when I heard a lot of cussing, and, bless me, if the comic didn't put in an appearance!

"Wot kin we do for you?" "Wot kin we do for you?" says Abe the Agent speaking for Hershey.

"Wot I wanna know is how do this guy keeps from misspellin' day in and day out."

"Well, that ain't hard to spell," said Krazy Kat.

"Quit kiddin' that gal," pipes in the old General, punctuating his remarks with a dig at Fido, "I'd tell you, only I don't know what their graft is because I don't never have anything to worry about. The guy that draws me is named Arnot, and that sounds very dramatic to me."

"Why bother?" said Polly in the prettiest way Cliff Sterrett lets her do things. "Yeh, why bother?" echoed Aunt Maggie, and Calahan's Beauty Hattie piped in, "If I knew I'd keep it under my hat!"

"I'll give the Tom McNamara on the situation," said Shrimp, of "Us Boys." But just then in blew Jerry on the job!

"Wot's the argument?" asked Hoban's little meal ticket.

Introducing Young Marie.

"I'm here to find out how this bunch of laugh-landers get away with all that chatter on the funny page every day without any misspelled words. It ain't natural for a cartoonist to know there's no 'E' in truly and only one 'T' in writing. They must have a first-class speller down here!"

"I'll say classy," said Jerry.

"Where is it?"

"Out to lunch! No, here she is now!"

And right then all the funnies few back into their proper spaces, and in came Marie. Marie probably has a job more unique than any woman in Washington—she's the official speller for the cartoonists.

## PORK IS SOARING, BUT BEANS DROP

Beans—Price going down.  
Pork—Price going up.  
Result—An average is thereby struck, and it is discovered that a dish of pork and beans costs as much as before.

It's a fact. The Department of Agriculture has issued a bulletin stating that the price of pork is going sky high.

Pork has risen about \$2 a hundred pounds in price and is still going up," said the bulletin.

Today the bulletin reports that beans have dropped in price from 3 to 7 cents a pound over the quotations of last year. The shippers are threatening not to sell if the prices go down much further.

So folk who dream of regular Boston baked beans at the old prices, upon reading the announcement concerning the drop in the price of beans—and their visions dispelled because of the jump in the price of pork.

## MATCHED COINS TOO WELL; IS ARRESTED

Frederick Walker, alias Edgar Sutton, forty-four years old, indicted for grand larceny, will be brought back from New York today by Detective Armstrong for trial.

The indictment charges that Walker with a man named Carboni, swindled Robert M. Pierce, of Rome, Ga., a visitor in the city, of two diamond rings valued at \$1,150, and \$34 in cash, in July, 1916, by the "coin-matching game."

Carboni has been convicted and is awaiting sentence.

Walker, the police say, met Pierce at the Union Station and volunteered to show him the city. At the Washington Monument they were met by Carboni. The trio started matching coins with the result that Pierce lost his money and jewelry.

## POLICE HUNT GEM THIEF WHO'S WEARIN' TH' GREEN

Twelve diamonds and five emeralds valued at \$3,000, have been stolen from the home of Mrs. Clara List, 1844 Columbia road northwest.

The robbery took place while Mrs. List was out of the city. Detective Embrey, who investigated the theft, found the entrance to Mrs. List's apartment had been gained by forcing the front door.

## DRAWS SLAIN WIFE'S FACE ON OLD SACK

Polu Artist Here Tells Story of  
Spouse's Death At Hands of  
German Invaders.

"These ees my wife. My brave wife. She die for my belle France. Mon bon Dieu, bless her."

These words silenced fifty habitués of the Krazy Kat coffee house, 3 Greens court, last night.

Shortly before a loud knock had been heard at the door and a voice: "I am Jean Devreau. I am a French soldier and artist. Ayez la bonte and let me see to rest in your place for a short while."

The door was opened. A man entered. He walked to one of the tables, sat down, cast a glance over the room, and called for a piece of burlap. Part of an old sack was given him. For fifteen minutes Devreau sat and drew. Then, with the few words quoted above, Devreau rose, holding up a drawing of a beautiful woman made on burlap with charcoal and crayon.

"She ees my wife," the Frenchman repeated several times.

Tells His Story.  
"Weel you kind people leasen to my story? I come from Parsee—I believe you Americans say Paris. Met was in 1914 I had a studio. My peintures were beginning to attract attention. I meet a little girl. She is but nineteen. Her name—oh, my tres chere Marie—mais oui, her name is Marie D'Esprey. We were engaged."

"Then the terrible war break out. I go to fight pour ma belle France. She go to plow the fields. I was blessed—how you say it, wounded—two times. But the thoughts of my Marie working for me and my France keep me from dying. I receive word that my wife—my Marie—is killed—killed (the voice of Devreau became louder)—yes, killed, by those Germans—les boches."

Leaves Picture Behind.  
"Here, ees my wife. I could draw her peinture wees my eyes close. I bid you bonne nuit—good-night, bons compagnons and good people. I leave with you the peinture of my beautiful wife, whidgers killed by the boches—les boches. I know not how she was kill nor where she was kill. I nevalre learn. Au revoir, mes bons people, et amis."

He rose from his seat, walked slowly to the door and departed. From whence he came no one knew. Where he went no one knew. He came, told his story, and he departed.

## MAILS FLOODED BY 'BONUS' LETTERS

"The average daily receipt of registered letters has risen in the past few days from 4,000 to 40,000," said Postmaster Merritt O. Chance today. "Yesterday 51,000 registered letters were handled by the District post-office. Several men have been detailed from the regular force of mail carriers to help handle the rush of registered mail."

The task which the District post-office faces is seen by the fact that about 4,000,000 applications for bonuses will be sent through the local department by the time the process of discharging men from the army, navy and marine corps has been completed.

## MISS MURPHY'S WILL FILED.

Miss Mary Jane Murphy in a will, dated November 5 last, names Thomas Barnett, a cousin, as residuary legatee of her estate. He is to receive the premises at 1308 Fourteenth street northwest, the one-third interest of (testatrix) at the premises at 1306 Fourteenth street northwest, and her one-third interest in 78 acres of land in the District together with her household effects. William and Thomas Murphy, two brothers, are bequeathed small amounts.

## Here's Big News For 60,000 D. C. School Children

District schools close June 28.  
Easter holidays begin April 18.  
Easter holidays end April 28.  
The Board of Education gives the dates in an official announcement.

## Bas Relief of Burleson to Be Given G. W. U.



Bas relief of Postmaster General Burleson, done by Mrs. John B. Henderson, of this city, and to be presented to George Washington University tomorrow.

## UNVEILING WILL OCCUR TOMORROW

A bas relief of Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson, modeled by Mrs. John B. Henderson, of 2200 Sixteenth street northwest, prominent society leader, will be presented to George Washington University tomorrow.

The unveiling will take place at the regular chapel exercises, to be held at 12:15 o'clock in the assembly hall of the arts and sciences building, 2023 G street northwest. Dr. William Miller Collier, president of the university, who will preside, will accept the bas relief on behalf of the university.

The unveiling will follow an address by Mrs. Burleson, scheduled some time ago as one of the series of addresses by prominent people that feature the triweekly chapel meetings. Both Postmaster General and Mrs. Burleson are greatly interested in the university, both of their daughters having attended there.

Mrs. Henderson is very modest about her work as a sculptor.

"The gift to the university is just a plaster cast of a bas relief of Mr. Burleson," she said today at her home, Henderson Castle. "As a work of art it deserves only passing mention."

The general public has been invited to attend the exercises. A special invitation has been extended by Dr. Collier to students, faculty members, alumni, and university officials.

## UTICA WOMAN LEAVES \$15,000 ESTATE TO SON

Mrs. Gertrude Hastings Smyth, formerly of Utica, N. Y., who died June 14, 1907, naming her son, Frederick Hastings Smyth, sole legatee of her estate. At his death all her property, amounting to \$15,000 worth of stock in the Clinton Metallic Company, is to revert to the corporation.



MRS. JOHN B. HENDERSON.

WIFE SLAYER INDICTED.  
Wilson Hawley Monroe, colored, who shot and killed his wife, Lillian, in the basement bedroom of the Cordova apartment, was indicted today by the grand jury for murder in the first degree.

## WATERSFREE; MAY PICKET, RULES JUDGE

Union Men Have Right to Bid  
For Public Sympathy, Says  
Hardison.

"That labor has the right to organize and picket for the purpose of creating public sympathy for their cause was the decision rendered by Judge Hardison, in Police Court today, in dismissing twenty members of the Walters' Union, arrested Tuesday for picketing the Raleigh Hotel."

The Walters were charged with carrying signs without permits and with disorderly conduct. Judge Hardison, in dismissing the case, said: "No one will deny the right of union men to picket and to endeavor to create public sentiment for their cause. Public sentiment is king. If the man can get the approval and backing of the public in their controversy with the hotel through picketing I do not see that they are violating the law."

"Of course, if picketing results in intimidation it's different. Man and capital have an invested right to organize. They should not annoy the public, though, in doing so. The term of 'scab,' which is applied by union men to their nonunion fellow-workmen is generally accepted by the public in speaking of economic men."

"It is a colloquial term, and I do not think the word is sufficient to cause disorderly conduct. Of course, many men don't approve of picketing, but in my opinion striking employees have a right to picket in their efforts to create public sympathy for their cause."

## The Inquiring Reporter

Every Day He Asks a Question  
Of Five Washingtonians  
Picked At Random.

## THE QUESTION.

Do you think that 2 3/4 per cent of alcohol in beer makes beer intoxicating?

## WHERE ASKED.

On Fourteenth street northwest between Pennsylvania avenue and F street.

## THE ANSWERS.

J. G. MEILINK (visiting in Washington from Toledo, Ohio): "No! I don't believe a person could drink enough 2 3/4 per cent beer to become intoxicated. Incidentally, I don't use liquor myself; but I believe that a man should have beer if he wants it."

MRS. JAMES FEDDON, 702 B street southwest: "No! I don't drink beer, but looking at the matter from a common-sense point of view, I can't see how a man can drink enough 2 3/4 per cent beer to become intoxicated. I believe the brewing of beer should be permitted because if men can't drink beer they will drink boot leg whiskey."

A. J. BRAUGH, 712 New Jersey avenue northwest: "No! I don't believe there is enough alcohol in 2 3/4 per cent beer to intoxicate a man unless he drinks a barrel of it—and that can't be done."

GEORGE McDONALD, W. R. & E. conductor: "No! I don't believe 2 3/4 per cent beer is intoxicating. And I think the brewing of light beer should be permitted because the working men will then be satisfied and we shall hear no more of the slogan 'No beer, no work!'"

ROBERT CAMPBELL, 4070 street northwest: "No! I do not think that by any fantasy of the imagination could 2 3/4 per cent beer be considered intoxicating."



What Every Woman  
Wants  
?

## THIS EXTRA WEAR SAVES YOU SHOE MONEY

"I find Neolin Soles superior in every way to other soles. They are flexible, tough and waterproof. In the future I shall buy nothing but Neolin-soled shoes."

A. G. Aldrich, of Springfield, Mass., who makes this statement tested Neolin Soles by having a pair of worn shoes re-soled with them. "They have already worn one month longer than the soles I used to wear," says Mr. Aldrich, "and will be good for at least three months more."

An easy way to try out Neolin Soles. Have them put on your worn shoes. See for yourself how long they last—and why they are a real economy. Or, get them on new shoes, which come in many styles for every member of the family. Neolin Soles are made scientifically by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio, who also make Wingfoot Heels, guaranteed to outwear all other heels.

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